Chattisgarh as a State or UT

†2799. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a detailed proposal has been submitted recently for formation of a separate Chattisgarh State;

(b) if so, the details of the above proposal and the reaction thereto;

(c) whether there is urgent need to declare Chattisgarh a separate State or a Union Territory for its overall development as it has been the most neglected region;

(d) whether local people and political groups of Chattisgarh have also given an extensive memorandum in this regard; and

(e) if so, the reasons and justification for not taking any decision on the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (e) The Government is committed to the formation of a separate State of Chhatisgarh. With this end in view, the Madhya Pradesh Re-organisation Bill, 2000 was drafted and referred to the State Legislature of Madhya Pradesh for expressing its views thereon, as required under article 3 of the Constitution of India. The views of the State Legislature have been received and the matter is being processed further.

BSF personnel deputed on Indo-Bangladesh Border

2800. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of BSF personnel deputed now at each watch post on Indo-Bangladesh border and time span of their daily duties as well as procedure of changing their duties;

(b) tenure of posting in each rank and how strictly it is adhered to;

(c) whether Government are aware that some of these BSF personnel indulge in corrupt practices and allow illegal migration of Bangladeshis into India by accepting illegal gratification; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to curb such practices and number of those personnel against whom action has been taken on this count during the last three years ?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.